

# Waterfowl Survey for the week of

October 23, 2008

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	500	32%	60%	8%	4500	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	2400	51%	48%	1%	1300	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	600	38%	62%	0%	7200	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	700	31%	41%	27%	100	100%	0%
Bays Branch Areas	No Report - For information contact (641) 332-2019						
Rice Lake Areas	1100	67%	31%	1%	9200	100%	0%
Big Marsh	2600	29%	64%	7%	1000	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	3300	36%	64%	0%	600	100%	0%
Green Island	1500	67%	19%	13%	2700	100%	0%
Princeton	900	30%	69%	1%	100	100%	0%
Lake Odessa Areas	14400	43%	56%	1%	1900	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	1200	54%	46%	0%	900	100%	0%
Otter Creek	3500	57%	43%	0%	300	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	400	32%	68%	0%	200	100%	0%
Red Rock	5100	20%	80%	0%	900	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	3000	17%	80%	3%	2900	100%	0%
Lake Icaria	300	33%	50%	17%	500	100%	0%
Union County Areas	500	40%	46%	14%	700	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	No Report - For information contact (641) 682-3552						
Missouri River Oxbows	700	29%	68%	3%	2500	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	12100	14%	62%	24%	100	100%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54200</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>36900</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Weather and migrations during the survey period:

A freeze chilled northern Iowa on Saturday morning. Warmer weather finally returned on Sunday with highs in the mid 60's east to mid 70's west. This warmer weather lasted only a day with temperatures returning to below normal on Monday which continued through the week. Rain moved into the state on Wednesday and scattered showers lasted throughout the week. Strong easterly and southerly winds prevailed from Monday through the remainder of the week. A substantial migration of pintails, gadwalls, shovelers, and green-winged teal, along with small Canada geese, was noted on Monday and Tuesday. Despite this obvious migration, the counts of birds on many refuges were actually lower than last week. The second segment of the duck season opened up last Saturday (Oct. 18), with variable success across the state.